

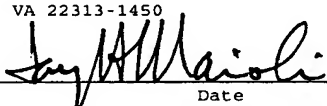
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Shinichiro Yamada et al.
 Serial No.: 10/508,403
 Filed : September 21, 2004
 For : FLAME-RETARDANT COMPOSITE COMPOSITION HAVING
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified
 application, Applicant respectfully requests that the
 application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this
 Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of
 claims that begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 7 of this Amendment.